

Wisconsin Conservation Congress

Executive Committee Conference Call

Meeting Minutes



ORDER OF BUSINESS	30 Mar 15	11:30	Conference Call
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I. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

A. CALL TO ORDER

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY	Rob Bohmann At 11:30
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ROLL CALL

ATTENDEES	Bohmann, Bonde, Weiss, Suchla, Meyer, Lee-Zimmermann
EXCUSED	
UNEXCUSED	
GUESTS	Hennessy

C. AGENDA APPROVAL/REPAIR

DISCUSSION	N/A
ACTION	Motion to approve- Bonde, second- Suchla motion carries

D. REVIEW COMMITTEE MISSION STATEMENT

DISCUSSION	N/A
ACTION	N/A

E. PUBLIC COMMENTS

DISCUSSION	N/A
ACTION	N/A

I. INFORMATION & ACTION ITEMS

Modifications to the walleye harvest management in the ceded territory

HENNESSY

DISCUSSION	<p>Hennessy- general discussion. Review of past practices following spearing season as it relates to bag limit changes each year. DNR proposes to establish a common 3 bag limit per day. To achieve harvest management objectives, the length limits can be adjusted. Various slot size restrictions are being proposed. Result would affect all waters in ceded territory, whether speared or not.</p> <p>Bohmann- what was quota tribes declared this year?</p> <p>Hennessy- about 68,000 fish. Harvest ends up being around 30-35,000. advantage to this proposal would provide consistency each year as to bag limits</p> <p>Meyer- how many lakes were at one or two fish?</p> <p>Hennessy- 535 lakes named. About 520 would go to one or two.</p> <p>Meyer- concerned with those lakes previously going from one or two fish to now having a 3 bag.</p> <p>Hennessy- protected slot sizes would protect those lakes adequately. Four tools at our disposal. 1: set seasons to control fishing effort. 2. control "gear used"., 3. bag limits. 4. size restrictions (our choice). One thing we can't predict is angler behavior. We have enough flexibility in the rule address this.</p> <p>Meyer- could this proposal be eventually reversed if necessary?</p>
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	<p>Hennessy- Not necessarily reversed. it could be modified to ensure that length limits that are in place would allow for a consistent bag limit.</p> <p>Bohmann- will testify on behalf of congress as to our position on this.</p> <p>Weiss- moves to support the proposal put forward by the DNR for a bag limit of 3. Second by Bonde.</p> <p>Motion carries</p>	
ACTION	Motion to support carries	
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE		DEADLINE

Awards

BOHMANN

DISCUSSION	<p>Educator of the Year- Chuck Strysick. Motion to approve by Bonde. Second by Meyer. Motion carries</p> <p>Local Club of the Year- SW Wisconsin Chapter of QDMA. Motion to approve by Weiss. Second by Bonde. Motion carries</p> <p>Statewide Club of the Year- Shadows on the Wolf. Motion to approve by Weiss. Second by Suchla. Motion carries</p> <p>DNR Fisheries- Ryan Koenigs. Motion to approve by Bonde. Second by Meyer. Motion carries.</p> <p>DNR Wildlife- Nathan Roberts. Motion to approve by Meyer. Second by Bonde. Motion carries</p> <p>DNR L.E.- Mike Hirschbeck. Motion to approve by Bonde. Second by Weiss. Motion carries.</p> <p>WCC Delegate of the Year- Ed Harvey, motion to approve by Bohmann. Second by Meyer. Motion carries.</p> <p>Hall of Fame- discussion on how many to nominate. One a year was recommended. Many deceased WCC members are deserving. Decision made to nominate two this year. Motion made to nominate Henry Liebszeit and Wilhelmine LaBudde by Bohmann. Second by Bonde. Motion carries.</p> <p>Bohmann- discussion on "pin" design for this year. Give a delegate a pin when they register. Everyone ok with that. Kari's "tree" design is approved.</p>	
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Proposed State Budget Items

BOHMANN

DISCUSSION	<p>Amendments will be offered. Issues concern stewardship, NRB, research positions, cuts to state parks and education</p> <p>Meyer- we need to take positions on this now while public opinion is being gathered.</p> <p>In particular, cuts to state parks, educators, science research positions.</p> <p>Bohmann- we need to hear from Dept. on how they would address these cuts.</p> <p>Meyer- doubts their sincerity to tell the real story.</p> <p>Weiss- concerned with "growth" of State govt. in past.</p> <p>Meyer- budget for those positions does not come from moneys that are targeted to be "saved".</p> <p>Bohmann- would like to hear how the Dept. will address this.</p> <p>Weiss- agrees with that. We need to hear the other side of the story.</p> <p>Bohmann- leaves meeting</p> <p>Meyer- makes a motion to have the WCC support retaining GPR funding for state parks, and retaining the 18.4 positions in the DNR sciences and education divisions.</p> <p>Lee-Zimmermann- be aware that some of these positions are currently vacant.</p> <p>Motion seconded by Weiss. Motion carries on a 3-1 vote.</p> <p>Bonde- we need to state how this issue will affect us. We haven't got any answers yet. This has to be included in our position to oppose these cuts.</p> <p>10- year Wild Turkey Management- Scott Walter</p> <p>plan will be made available to the public. User friendly. Explaining "why" and "how" we make decisions on turkey management. Hearings were conducted in 11 cities. Approx. 2200 hunters. Will go to NRB next week with this plan.</p> <p>Motion to support the plan by Weiss. Second by Meyer. Motion carries</p> <p>Housekeeping- Lee-Zimmermann</p> <p>clothing orders to be turned around in next couple weeks. Plaques are up on the wall in GEF 2. have delegates look over training for delegates in their e-mails. YCC has launched.</p>	
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II. MEMBERS MATTERS

DISCUSSION	<p>Weiss- concern over amendment by NRB to issue a free antler-less tag with every archery license to be used statewide. Would like explanation. Cuts into CDAC "authority". Request clarification. Kari will check into this.</p> <p>Suchla- agrees with the idea to nominate deceased individuals along with the living to the Hall of Fame each year.</p> <p>Meyer- nothing</p> <p>Bonde- Nothing.</p> <p>Motion to adjourn by Meyer. Second by Suchla. Motion carries. Time- 1:05 p.m.</p>
ACTION	

III. ADJOURNMENT

MEETING ADJOURNED	01:05:00 AM
SUBMITTED BY	Joe Weiss- Secretary
DATE	5 April 15